

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

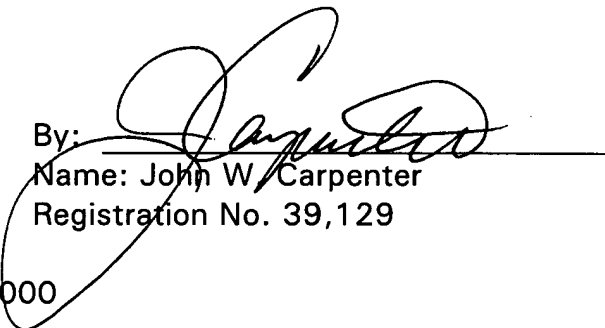
Claims 1,2, 4, 8-12, 16-19, 22, 24, 33,34, 37-39, 49, 50, 52, 57, 59, and 61-67 are currently active in this case. Claims 3, 5-7, 13-15, 20,21, 23, 25-32, 35, 36, 40-48, 51, 53-56, 58, and 60 have been withdrawn by way of the present amendment. Each claim is supported by the specification and claims as originally submitted and no new matter has been added.

Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and this case is ready for examination on the merits. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR §1.16 or § 1.17 to **Account No. 50-2603, referencing Attorney Docket No. 356508.03700**.

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